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SUBJECT: CODEL SIKES

REF: (A) 77 PRETORIA 4180, (B) 77 PRETORIA A-147,

1. I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LETTER OF MAY 31 FROM CONGRESSMAN BOB SIKES EXPRESSING AN INTEREST IN VISITING SOUTH AFRICA AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES DURING THE AUGUST RECESS FOR A "FIRST-HAND LOOK AT THE SITUATION". THE CONGRESSMAN ASKS FOR MY SUGGESTIONS FOR A POSSIBLE ITINERARY AND SUBJECTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH OFFICIALS WHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA. HE MENTIONS NO SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST.

2. CONGRESSMAN SIKES VISITED SOUTH AFRICA AUGUST 20-27 LAST YEAR UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF DOD AND WITH THE SAG ACTING AS HOST MUCH OF THE TIME (77 PRETORIA A-147, 77 PRETORIA 4180). THAT VISIT WAS HEAVILY CONCENTRATED ON THE MILITARY SIDE AND HE MET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

3. WE WILL OF COURSE BE PLEASED TO SUGGEST AND ARRANGE A SOUTH AFRICAN PROGRAM FOR CONGRESSMAN SIKES. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL, HOWEVER, TO HAVE A GENERAL IDEA OF ANY SPECIAL INTERESTS HE MAY WISH TO PURSUE ON THIS OCCASION. UNLESS HE WOULD PREFER TO CONCENTRATE ONCE AGAIN ON THE MILITARY
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SIDE, MY INCLINATION WOULD BE TO ENCOURAGE HIM TO LOOK INTO THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE HERE.

4. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATIONS THE DEPT MAY BE ABLE TO SECURE FROM THE CONGRESSMAN OR HIS STAFF AS TO HIS PREFERENCES AND AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST.
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